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REMARKS _____

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1. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 14 May 1953, a shipment of 8 x 122-mm field guns, 30 trucks [] and 10 boxcarloads of troops and billeting equipment were detained at the Altengrabow railroad station. The guns were picked up by prime movers, [] and left toward Suedlager. 1
2. On 14 May, the Nordlager was occupied by an estimated 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Billeting equipment was being unloaded from several trucks inside the installation. About 150 trucks, 12 x 122-mm field guns, and 4 about 150-mm guns with pneumatic dual tires, and with barrels somewhat shorter and with cylindrical muzzle brakes, were in the south section of the installation. Four 122-mm field guns and 12 x 160-mm mortars were at the training field opposite the installation. Each eight soldiers received instruction on the mortars while later on, were drawn into the Nordlager by the troops.
3. The Suedlager and the other cantonment were difficult to observe, however, intensive activity was observed from a rather large distance. The occupation strength could not be determined. Local residents stated that the two installations were occupied not to capacity.
4. Individual troops and trucks were observed in the former ammunition depot and the filling installation. About 200 troops, who received field training and were digging trenches, were seen south of the ammunition depot. [] did not observe artillery firing. Motor vehicles seen in the Altengrabow area included:

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1. Comment. According to the weapons observed, the unloading most probably involved 25X1
units of the 34th Arty Div (US). According to reports on transportation, four shipments
went from Altengrabow to the northern part of Letzling Heath on 7 and 8 May.

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2. Comment. Judging from their weapons, the units in the Nordlager are fairly definitely believed to belong to the 34th Arty Div (US); the dual-tired guns probably were 152-mm gun howitzers. The mortars probably belong to the 65th Mort Brig (US). the majority of which belong to the 34th Arty Div (US), the 6th Arty Div, the Third Shock Army, the Eighth Gds Army and corps troops of the IV Arty Corps, confirm the occupation of the Altengrabow troop training grounds by the units carried there.
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